# NEGRO'S FOUL DEED

Woman Clubbed to Death, Her Sister Terribly Injured.

LYNCHING BARELY AVERTED

Misses Clark Victims of Fiendish Crime at Their Home Near Bowie,

THE SURVIVOR SWORN TO SECRECY

John Berry, the Murderer, Holds Crucifix to Her Blood-stained Lips as She Takes Oath Not to Reveal His Name, Then Summons Physician and Priest-Intended to Rob and Burn the House-Victim Adheres to Her Oath, but Murderer Confesses on Close Questioning-Taken to Marlboro and Later to Baltimore to Escape Mob-Terrible Struggle for Life-The Inquest.

Murder, feroclous and revolting in every detail, was committed near Bowie, about fifteen miles from this city on Saturday night. With a heavy club ohn Berry, a young negro, attacked two Miss Amanda Clark, fifty-six was beaten to death, and, with ther foul crime as his object, the brute Miss Annie Clark forty-one rs of age, sister of his other victim. An unequal struggle ensued, which only ended when the murderer and his victim were exhausted. Recovering, he sough to rob and burn the house, but was induced to desist by the pleadings and of protection by Miss Annie Clark, who was made to swear upon a cifix not to disclose the murderer's

Grand Jury of Prince George's County. and he was lodged in jail at Marlboro by Sheriff Robey. Later he was driven to this city and taken by train to Baltimore to prevent lynching. Miss Annie Clark is in a most critical condition.

The scene of this awful crime was a farmhouse a hundred years old, two and a half miles south of Bowle Station. It is known as the Clark place, and comprises 178 acres, most of which has been leased to tenants by the owners. The the death of their father, Joshua T. Clark fifteen years ago. They have kept a small piece of ground near their home, which has been cultivated for their own use The Clarks are an old and highly respected family, Joshua T. Clark having held a number of State offices. For the ation of their little truck garden the two maiden ladies employed a boy and two years ago they took from the Maryland State Reformatory at Chellenham, Prince George's County, John Perry, who had then been an inmate of that institution for six years. He came from Frederick, Md., and was committed to the reformatory on complaint of his

corrigible thievishness. Attacked While at Supper.

When the darkness and rain of Saturday night settled down about the Clark Berry slept. Back of the kitcher then, Wood, tools, and other odds In the kitchen where the sisters chen, and beside the stove was leading to the outer kitchen.

uman fiend, who was even then bt nothing of his approach, as ter suspected Berry's purpose ght it down heavily upon Annie the fiend turned his murderous one end there was a big knot da Ciark, but she grappled with th his cudgel that crushed in her youd human help. With savage less before him. Neither the age known at her hand stayed his

Clark meanwhile recovered from er. She tore the club from Berry's stove and, picking up another woman She took several is youth and strength told in the

than he expected, and the brave fight of doing very well, and he thought she Annie Clark had exhausted her would-be would recover, though she would not be murderer. He was tired, and with his well for quite a while. blood-stained club still held threateningly in his hand he sat down and rested, while he gazed upon his gory work. Ann e Clark had read another purpose in his eye when she fought the negro for her s.ster's life. The fear of that purpose kept her from yielding to the deadly faintness that almost overpowered her from her wounds and exhaustion. Berry was not long in returning to the attack. Though he fearfully maltreated the wounded woman, he was balked in his purpose by her determined resistance, and finally abandoned his wicked project exhausted.

Intended Robbery and Arson. The struggle began shortly after 7 en. Absorbed in his evil purpose at first pected a thing. and excited by his fight with Annie Clark. "He struck n the brute forgot his own safety. When his attempts upon Annie Clark met with successful resistance he evidently began and had us at his mercy. We both did essful resistance he evidently began to think of flight, and the best way in which to conceal the evidences of his crime. Annie Clark, lying helpless and bleeding in the kitchen, heard the murderer go through the house. The crash of bureau drawers and tables told her that he was ransacking every room, and soon she heard him in his own attic bedroom above her head. Presently he determined to the defend ourselves, but we were neither one very strong and he was exceedingly quick and active.

"He pleked up first one club and then another if we got one out of his hands. I had never had as much to do with him as my sister. She had always been in authority over him, had special charge of him, you know, and she couldn't believe her senses.

On Friday last Gen. Lagarda visited room above her head. Presently he de-scended and passed into the summer kitchen, carrying his clothing wrapped in a bundle. Then he passed through the citchen again and entered the bedroom in fire on the other side of the room. Then she moaned out, 'I'm almost gone.'

"Yes, yuse both of you better say your

falled to him. Some remnant of conscience, or perhaps the doctor, and promised not to reveal who was the murderer of her sister or had said nothing at any time Saturday to had said nothing at any time Saturday to viously were reported as wounded. Yesher own assailant. Berry knew that the Clarks were people of their word. He knew that \$100 was more money than he it seemed to promise safety and riches.

er, tattered and bloody, pleading with him for her sister's life and her own. Berry onsidered for several moments and then asked Miss Clark if she would swear not "Will you swear it on the cross?" he

"I will swear on the cross to tell nothing if you will only get the doctor and the priest for 'Mandy.'" Annie replied.

Eerry knew where the sisters kept their crucifix and he went after it. Then the state of the breaks as possible. The funeral will be held at White-Marsh Church to-morrow morning.

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Mountain Bandits Attack Hollo.

A requiem high mass will be sung by
Father Gardner, who administered consolation to the living victim as well as received the confession of the munderer. the cross in his guilty hand he bent over the prostrate forms of the murdered woman and her sister. He pressed the image to the bloodstained lips of his living victim and heard her swear by the death of the Saviour not to betray him. Satisfied, apparently, that he had secured immunity rom capture and insured prosperity for his future. Berry dropped back in an in stant to his accustomed place of servitor. He fetched pillows, a quilt, and a sheet from the bed in the front room. placed the pillows beneath the heads of the injured women and spread the bed lothes above them. Then he put fresh wood on the fire, went out and, saddling

he horse, rode to Bowie. Half a mile from the Clarks' he stopped old that some one had tried to kill "Miss Mandy" and said Green had better go up there. Berry then rode to Bowie and informed Dr. N. A. Ryan, who promised to go at once to the assistance of the Clarks. toward the farm, passing it, and continu to White Marsh, where he inform Father Giraud that Miss Clark had be attacked and was dving. Berry left his Father Giraud's buggy.

Was Dead When Help Arrived.

When Thomas Green heard of the crime went at once to the adjoining farm of Critienden Clark, a brother of the women who had been attacked by Berry. Ernest Clark, a son of Crittenden, ran over at once to his aunts' home, and was the first o enter after the murderer had left. He found the two women lying side by side in a corner of the kitchen. The elder wonan was dead. She lay on her side, with ner head bent toward her chest. Annielpless and covered with blood, lay be side her. The pillows upon which their heads reposed, their clothing, and hair, were all drenched with blood.

As soon as Annie saw her nephew, she ne so told her sister, who mouned and Moore, the father of the this time, and declared that Amanda Cook tragedy has caused much excited ter had probably died before Berry left looked for. the house. The body of the dead woman was moved to her bedroom, and Annie ed the burning house the father was atedly vomited blood. was a long gash extending through her his stable and tode away. pper lip and down through her chin. Her

Annie Clark Will Survive Berry's Brutal Assault, but Is Horribly Disfigured.

rial to The Post. Bowie, March 20.-The murder of Miss Amanda Clarke, and the assault upon her sister, Annie, by the negro, John Berry, form the main topic of conversation here to-day. Everybody is discussing it and there is a unanimous demand for swift and sure justice for Berry. Court will meet in Upper Mariboro the first Monday in April, and officials here say nothing can be done until that time. Judges Briscoe, Crane, and Merrick will sit. Mr. Roger E. Bellis is State's Attorney.

The scene at the home where the murer was committed is pitiful. In a front room is the body of Miss Amanda Clarke on a board, between two chairs. In the next room Miss Annie Clarke, who so miraculously escaped, lies in bed, swathed in bandages, with face disfigured and swoilen. She looks much worse than the

tead woman. Miss Annie has a bandage around her head and ears, leaving only the face ex-posed. A long plaster is laid across her cheeks and upper lip. Her face is black head. Then the poor, beaten, eyes are nearly closed. Her lips are two eyes are nearly closed. Her lips are two ing the fire, there has been blood-stained woman sank helplers to the great masses of flesh that she can hardly bear out the insanity theory

round and lay, unable to defend herself, y the side of her dying sister, whose life-lood covered the floor and stained the resses of the two. Berry had met more this merning and stated that she was

Miss Annie Clarke's Story.

A reporter visited the room of Miss Clarke. Sympathetic neighboring women are nursing her. She talked briefly and with pain in answer to questions, fre quently waving one arm, the hand of which was scratched and bruised in the

struggle. She said:
"It was just at supper. We weren't either one feeling well and hadn't been I had been having a bad headache, and so we thought we would have just a piece of bread and a cup of tea.
We sat down while he was doing chores around. We never had the slightest idea beforehand about it. If we had, we could o'clock, and nearly an hour had been spent in the successive chapters of crime that mark the scenes in the Clark kitch-

> "He struck me first, and then it from one to the other, back and forth. our best to defend ourselves, but we were

"She said: 'Why, John! you wouldn't do that. I think I was conscious through it all. I don't know whatever made me think to offer him that \$100 to go for the front of it. Through the open door Miss clark saw Berry go to the bed in the front room, and, selecting a straw mather than the quit when he did. When he came back down stairs, after going through the house, my sister was still breathing, and

his awful purpose dawned upon the mangled and helpless woman. She had prayers now, he said, and he took anspoken no word to the fiend from the mother stick of wood to finish killing me." ent she drove him off the last time, Miss Clarke was told of Berry's state-ment that they did not treat him right ut when she perceived that Berry was I about to set fire to the house and destroy and that they had found fault with him herself and her sister in its ruins, she for entering with muddy boots and for breaking the legs of chickens. She said:
"Oh! I don't see how he could say we didn't treat him right. We certainly did Some remnant of conscience, or perhaps the habit of obedience, halted the boy and be dropped the mattress in the middle of the floor. Miss Clark, seeing his hesitancy, asked him to come and speak to be both thought so much of him. That breaking of the chickens' legs was away were recalled, and, failing from the ranks, were strung along for a distance of altancy, asked mm to the state of the kitchen she begged him to go to Bewie for Dr. Ryan and to White Marsh for Father Giraud, the priest. She of rough with them. He readily stopped doing it and we heard nothing more about the state of the s

Relatives Would Lynch Him.

to tell who did it and to give him the \$100 the face shown, the head being bruised principally on the left side. The hands, broken in defending herself and her sister, were folded in a way to show as lit-tle of the breaks as possible. The funeral All the above are more or less seriously

ceived the confession of the murderer. The pall-bearers will be Messrs. Thomas Wells, Dennis Wells, and Duckett Wells, ceusins of the dead woman, and Messrs. Joshua T. Clarke, Ernest L. Clarke, and James Clarke, her nephews. Interment James Clarke, her nephews. Interment will be in White-Marsh Cemetery. From all the indications around Bowie, it was a good thing Berry was taken out of the county yesterday. Relatives of the murdered woman openly said they would have broched him.

Berry in Jail at Baltimore.

Baltimore, March 20.-John Berry is in the jail here, and talked freely to reporters to-day. Berry is a Catholic and asked that a priest be sent to him. For the present he is allowed as much free-Half a mile from the Clarks' he stopped dom as any other prisoner in the jail, at the farm of Thomas Green, whom he but if a death watch is sent he will, as usual, be confined to his cell. He says he oes not want to be tried for murder in Prince George's County, and will ask to be tried in Baltimore. He fears that sent back to the county in which murder occurred he will be lynched.

### KILLED HIS FIVE CHILDREN

Father Stabbed Them in the Neck and Set Fire to the House.

While the Building Was Still Burning He Mounted a Horse and Rode Away-Theory of Insanity Not Borne Out by His Action.

Hutchinson, Kan., March 20.-An atrothe floor, the walls, the furniture, and the tablecloth, torn off in the struggle, when the Coroner and his assistants re cious crime was revealed here to-day dren from the house occupied by John sked him to see if her sister was still Moore, which burned at an early hour. alive. The young man examined the body Coroner's jury investigated the case and and found that his aunt was dead, and in accordance with the jury's returns, sobbed for awhile. Dr. Ryan arrived about was arrested on a charge of murder. The had been dead for more than an hour. It here, and there is some talk of lynching was then 11:30 o'clock, and the older sis- the prisoner. However, a lynching is not

When the firemen and neighbors reach Clark was carried to her room and made only member of the family of seven found as comfortable as possible. She had re-outside. His actions were queer, and he ceived serious internal injuries, and re-would not talk. While the building was Three of her still burning and his children were within front teeth were knocked out, and there the burning walls, he took a horse from

When the firemen entered the house pper lip and down through her chin. Her calp was lacerated in many places, but here was no evidence of injury to her kull. On her jaw was a heavy bruise, where Berry's first blow had fallen. Dr. dyn remained with the injured woman li night, and spent most of yesterday at her side.

When the fremen entered the house after having partly quenched the names, they found the five children lying side by side in a bed on the floor, all dead, but not bady burned. The skull of each child was deeply indented, and from the dents long fractures extended. All but one of the children had been stabbed in the neek. The threat of the little the state of the little threat of threat of the little threat of threat of the little threat of threat of the little threat of the little threat of the little threat of the lit

or charge of murder.

When Moore was called before the Corrrs jury to testify he pretended to bewe that an exploding lamp had caused
a fire and that his children had met
the in the flames. He testified that he
s awakened from a deep sleep by the
oke, and that he found the nouse africe

it ever. It was fifteen minutes, he said, before It was fifteen minutes, he said, before he recovered his senses, and then he did not try to save his children, because ne knew they must be dead, as the fire had started in the room in which they were sleeping. His riding away from the fire he explained by stating that his wife was away from home attending a sick friend, and that he went to tell her of their loss. Moore showed little concern when the jury returned the verdict charging him with murder.

The family came here from Emporia about three weeks ago. Mrs. Moore's father, M. W. Franklin, stated this evening that Moore had always been a slient.

father, M. W. Franklin, stated this even ing that Moore had always been a silent morose character, but that he appears to be strongly attached to his children of late, according to Mr. Franklin, Moor has brooded over the fact that he was out of work, and the father-in-law seems think that if Moore committed the crim he must have lost his reason broodin over his troubles. Moore, however, seem to be sane, and outside of his actions during the fire there has been notified.

Aguinaldo Is Determined to England Without Information on Which Keep Up Hostilities.

TRAITOR TO HIS CAUSE EXECUTED

Twelve Native Residents of Manila Who Advised Surrender Condemned to Death. and Gen. Lagarda Decapitated for Visiting Malolos on Mission of Peace-Attack of Mountain Banditson Iloilo Repulsed-Sufferings Among Our Soldiers.

Manila, March 20 -It is reported on high

Malolos for the purpose of advising its first meeting and decided to issue a Aguinaldo to quit. He argued with the pronunciamento to the inhabitants of the insurgent leader and attempted to con-vince him of the folly of his persistence in the face of overwhelming odds. Aguinaldo was furious at the advice, and or-dered Gen. Lagarda to be executed immediately. The unfortunate General was promptly

decapitated. Among the incidents of yesterday's fighting was the coolness exhibited by a company of the Washington volunteers, who crossed the river in a native canoe under a heavy fire-fifteen being taken across on each trip of the small boat-to

attack the enemy's trenches. Failure of Commissary Department. most six miles, numbers returning to always close up to the lines. The work of the ambulances was especially worthy of

her own assailant. Berry knew that the Clarks were people of their word. He knew that \$100 was more money than he had sever dreamed of having, and to him it seemed to promise safety and riches.

Held Crucifix to Her Lips.

Still, he hesitated. He stood above the two women, one even then passing from her sufferings into eternal peace, the oth-Private Ronfer, Company G, and Corps.

Comeinerge and Nelson, Company M. There were a number of visitors at the home to-day to see the body of Miss Amanda. The sheet was pulled down and D, and Corp. Bricklin, Company K. volunteers - Private Brown. Oregon Company M.

Minnesota volunteers - Private Bruce

McNeil's battalion of the California regiment, under Lieut, Col, Duboce, has been ordered to embark on the transport Indiana to-morrow, in order to re-enforce of Negros, where Col. Smith is in command. This is only a measure of precauanticipate trouble there.

### FIGHTING IN THE JUNGLE.

Difficulties Met by Our Troops-Re-enforcements Said to Be Needed. Hongkong, March 20 .- A correspondent

"An army has seldom operated under harder conditions than have been ecountered by the American 'flying brigade The country the American troops have traversed is intersected with lagoons, narrow and unfordable rivers, and bamboos thick that the enemy cannot be seen hundred feet distant. During the charges the Antericans were ignorant as to whether they were attacking a bundred or thousands of rebels, which amazes the expectedly fierce at Cainta, Had it not en for the fact that the American line was thin the enfilading fire would have daughtered many of our men.

"One of the prisoners captured by the Americans says the Filipino leaders boast years, depending upon the American forces being weakened daily by twenty killed, wounded, or invalided.

"Some of the high officials here think that 10,000 re-enforcements are needed, as the troops now on this island are hardly nore than required to maintain a line "Considerable rain has fallen already.

and it seems that the season for rains beginning prematurely. It is possible that when the steady rains begin our troops will have to be withdrawn to permanent harracks, which may enable the rebels to

"The Americans have refrained from destroying the buildings in the country swept by Gen. Wheaton's troops. A senhas been stationed before every store

### RED CROSS CANNOT DO IT.

loads of loot from dwelling houses."

Negotiations for Release of Spanish Prison-

ers Outside Its Jurisdiction. Geneva, March 20.-The international clares that there is no foundation whatever for the statement reported to have been made at Madrid by Gen. Polavieja, ster of War, to the effect that he mittee giving him notice of the convoout the fortifications. The Captain said the use of his namin this connection was not authorized. He

Question of Spa ish Prisoners.

The question of permitting the Spanish government to negotiate with Aguinaldo for the release of the Spanish prisoners held by him is still under consideration to decide whether or not this shall be dane, the authorities hesitating to inter-fere in any way with the working out of Gen. Otis' plans, and he has forbidden the

with 1,300 tons of supplies for the Ameriops. She will be followed in a few y the Zealandia, the Charles Nelon, and the City of Pueblo.

Supplies for Philippine Army.

San Francisco, March 20.-The transport

The War Department has received the gusta, struck a snag in Herschman Lake following dispatch:

The Relief is the hospital ship sent to of which was Manila by the department for use by Gen. steamer can be raised.

SHOOTING OF SIMPSON.

to Base Claim for Compensation. London, March 20.-In the House of Commons to-day the Hon. Philip James Stanhope, Liberal, President of the National Reform Union, whoi represents Burnley, asked if her majesty's govern-ment had received a report of the lamentable occurrence at Manila, when fortunately been killed; whether the government was aware that Simpson's family was partially dependent upon him. and whether the government would eneavor to obtain pecuniary compensation

The Parliamentary Secretary of the Foreign Office, Right Hon. William St. John Broderick, replied that the mail dispatches with details of the affair cannot be received before April, and that without sufficient information on the taking extreme measures to suppress subject it was useless to make represigns calculated to cause a cessation of hostilities. Twelve adherents of the plan ment for compensation.

THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION. Preliminary Meeting for Purpose of Organization Held in Manila. Manila, March 21-8:30 a. m.-The United

States Philippines Commission has held its first meeting and decided to issue a island. President Schurman will prepare The document will explain the spirit in

people of the islands to lay down their

arms and co-operate in the interests of good government. A dispatch was received at the Stat Department yesterday from Chairman Schurman, of the Philippine Commission, announcing a meeting of that body at Mapurpose of organization. Mr. McArthur who was connected with the United States Legation at Madrid during Gen. Wood-

ford's incumbency of that office, is to be the Secretary of the commission.

GOLD BADGE FOR HELEN GOULD. She and Her Brother Frank Honored for

Services Rendered. New York, March 20 .- Fire Commis er Scannel to-day sent to Miss Helen M. Gould a letter in which he informed her that in view of the services rendered by her on the occasion of the Windsor Hotel fire he intended to present to her a gold badge which would entitle her to enter the fire lines at any fire that may occur in Greater New York. Another badge will be presented to Frank J. Gould, who aid-

### NOW RESPECT THE POLICE

The Havana Rioters Taught a Lesson Which Will Be Lasting.

The mountain banditti of Panay Island Three Policemen and Five Civilians Were Killed in the Affrays, While Wounded

Havana, March 20 .- The excitement Baguyan, on the east coast of the island growing out of the conflict between the police and the populace is rapidly subtion, as Maj. Gen. Otis says he does not be further trouble. The mob has been taught a lesson which will probably prove sufficient. Law breakers now fear the po lice, and realize that the latter will not tolerate resistance to their authority. During the affrays of Saturday and yes about fifteen wounded, while of the pop lace five were killed and between sixty and seventy others wounded, some so seriously that they will probably die. pes is serious, but it is expected he wil

Sixty arrests have been made, and or ders have been issued to the police not to hesitate to shoot hereafter, should occa-

Archbishop Chapelle, apostolic delegate to the West Indies, sailed for New Or-leans to-day in order to be present at the Easter services there, but he will return immediately after to Havana.

In yesterday's parade in honor of Gen. Gomez appeared a standard of American, Cuban, and Spanish flags. The presence of the Spanish banner excited the crowd who called for its withdrawal. few American soldiers appeared on the outskirts of the crowd, exercising an immediate calming effect.

The statue of Isabel II, which stood in order of the City Council. A large num ber of people watched the removal, and at one time there was a little excitement several persons calling for the destruction of the statue; but this was prevented. For the time being the statue will be

Gen. Adna R. Chaffee, the Governo General's chief of staff, who has been suffering from malaria, is improving. The Ward Liner Havana, specially char tered for this purpose, sailed this after-noon for the United States with the Sec-

### NOT A MINE KEYBOARD.

Alleged Discovery of Mechanism by Which Maine Was Blown Up.

Havana, March 20 .- Capt. T. L. Huston, of the Volunteer Engineers, was ques-tioned to-day by a correspondent of the story, printed by a local newspaper at Cincinnati, Ohio, saying that the location at the keyboard by which the United States battle-ship Malne was blown up in Havana harbor on February 15, 1898, had been found by him in a gunroom of the Fuerza prison, while engaged in cleaning

showed the correspondent a cable with several wires running into the harbon from Fuerza prison, opposite Cabana; disused telegraph instrument in a neigh boring government building. Though the cable has not been investigated by the Inited States engineers, the suppois that it runs to Cabanas, across the har hor, and has been used for telegraphing. There is a remote chance that the wires in the cable were connected with mines or

orpedoes, but there is no indication that it had anything to do with the blowing of the Maine. The end of the cabl sticking out of Fuerza prison has i seen by tourists for weeks past. Many soldiers have also seen the cable, and may have expressed the belief that it was used to blow up the Maine,

Steamer Sunk, but Passengers Saved Savannah, Ga., March 20.-The steamer Ethel, plying between this city and Au-150 miles up the river, yesterday and quickly sank. She had twelve passengers The Relief arrived in good consiston at Port Said abourd. They were rescued by the steamSunday morning. All are well. Will proceed early to Manila.

BRADLEY. carried a heavy and valuable cargo, most

### SCORED BY GEN. YOUNG.

Severely Criticises the Officers of Fifteentl Minnesota Regiment

Augusta, Ga., March 20 .- Gen. Young has issued an order severely criticising the commissioned officers and the finding of the court-martial in the trial of the rioters of the Fifteenth Minnesota Regi-ment, which occurred March 4 and 5 when one of their number was killed by a saloon-keeper. He says, in part: "The deplorable inefficiency, incapacity, weakness, and timidity exhibited by near-ity all of the commissioned officers present

at the disgraceful and violent outbreak in the camp is incredible, except on the abundant sworn testimony of said of ficers themselves. These officers stood expostulating, exhorting, pleading, but not one of them attempted to shoot or for his family by friendly representations to the government of the United States. fell the two or three leading men wh door. On these sworn details, it is believed, a court-martial would have awarded the extreme penalty of the law.
The order from superior authority requiring immediate muster out of this ing before a court-martial those officers it had not been made public by Mr. Belwho proved themselves thus recreant, and mont. Mr. Bryan stated that he had who proved themselves thus recreant, and it is with profound regret that the corps commander finds himself thus constrained to punish enlisted men while, through circumstances beyond his control, certain officers unworthy of the commissions they hold are permitted to go home with clean records."

Ment. Mr. Bryan stated that he had nothing to say about the matter, but that the correspondence spoke for itself.

"Champaign, Ill., March 16.

"Hon. Perry Belmont, President Democratic Club, New York:

"Dear Sir: I received a few days ago

## JOHN SHERMAN DYING

which the United States intends to fulfill the trust imposed, and will call upon the His Life Ebbing Away on the West Indian Seas.

PARIS EN ROUTE TO GUANTANAMO

Cruiser Chicago Failed to Connect with the Liner at Kingston and Has Been Asked to Follow to the Cuban Port-Mr. Sherman Suffering from the Hot Weather and His Doctors Have About The invitation extended to you is on behalf of the Democratic Club. Individual opinions have not Given Up Hope-He Wants to Get Home.

Kingston, Jamaica, March 20 .- The American Line steamer Paris, Capt. Frederick Watkins, with the party of American excursionists who are touring in West Indian waters, sailed at 6 o'clock

Mr. John Sherman is worse, and not invitation, but I do not understand how likely to survive the night.

The hot weather has greatly weakened Mr. Sherman, and his doctors feel that before the public. Your position upon unless a change for the better comes very quickly all hope must be abandoned. The United States cruiser Chicago, position has not been changed. My position has been detailed to take Mr. Shertion upon public questions is also well man on board and convey him back to known. The antagonism between our the United States, was expected to reach opinions is so great that we cannot with this port during the afternoon. Dr. Magee will have charge of the case until

they reach Old Point Comfort. Sherman to the Chicago until the Paris reaches Santiago de Cuba. He appreciates that his strength is declining, and is desirous of getting home.

The United States cruiser Chicago has not arrived, but it is supposed she will meet the Paris at Santiago de Cuba. The Paris will probably touch first at

Guantanamo. She left instructions for the Chicago to follow with all haste. The State Department received a cable message from Consul Dent, at Kingston,

### Jamaica, yesterday, saying that ex-Secretary Sherman was not so well. ALASKAN BOUNDARY QUESTION.

Sir Julian Pauncefote and Secretary Hay Hold Conference Regarding It.

The British Ambassador, Sir Julian auncefote, conferred yesterday with Sec modus vivendi to be observed along the Alaska border in order to obviate th possibility of a clash pending the final de tation of the border. The need of the has been emphasized within the last few days by reports of a battle between the Canadian and the American prospector on the Porcupine River. These reports have caused considerable uneasiness official circles in London, and efforts have been made to learn the facts. There has been no official confirmation, however, clash has been expected, and the report have served to direct the attention of offi-

rangement. Commission adjourned without settling the border question. Sir Julian then sug gested that a temporary arrangement b made. This would maintain the statu juo, each side making no further advanpending a final agreement on the boundary. A temporary line probably would be run by the two governments. This would not affect termanent interests, but would serve as a legal barrier between the lawless fortune to the plant is for the control of the plant is for the control of the plant is for the control of the plant is for the plant in th seekers in that locality. The plan is fa-vorably received on both sides, and is likely to be carried into effect, although no agreement has been entered into thus far.

### SOCIETY LEADER DIVORCED.

Mrs. Nannie S. Worthington, of Cleveland, Free from Matrimonial Bonds. Cleveland, Ohio, March 20 .- One of the cial sensations of the year culminated

to-day in the granting of a divorce Mrs. Nannie Stewart Worthington from George E. Worthington. Mrs. Worthington's father is President of the City Stone Company, and Worthington was Secretary.

nusband sued Frederick Nicholas, a so-dal leader and well-known singer, for alienating her affections. Later he with frew his suit and signed a retraction of for non-support. All those concern the affair moved in the best society,

### CAISSON TOPPLED OVER ON HIM

U. S. Artilleryman Severely Injured While Drilling at Madison Square Garden. New York, March 20.-Edward A. Burns member of Battery F. Fifth United drill at Madison Square Garden to-d

preliminary to the opening of the military tournament this evening, was seriously ntured. In making one of the sharp turn the box of a calsson, was thrown from | questions as are not fundamen his neat, and the calsson toppled over on him. He was picked up unconscious. Examination showed that his thigh was

### Ribs and Arm Broken.

E. F. Pumphrey, who lives at Meadows, Prince George's County, Md., had three ribs and an arm broken vesterday afternoon by falling from a wagon loaded with hay at Fifth and H streets northeast. Pumphrey was driving along H street about :30, when his horses became fright-ened and ran away. They dashed into the lamppost at the corner of Flith street and the driver was thrown of. He was removed to the Eastern Dispens-ary in the Ninth Precinct patrol wagon and given medical attention.

## BRYAN AND BELMONT

Nebraskan Declines to Attend Latter's Dinner.

POLITICAL VIEWS THE REASON

Mr. Bryan Thinks Mr. Belmont's Presence at a Jefferson Bar quet Would Not Honor the Democratic Party-No Compremise with "Republican Allies Who Masquerade as Democrats Between Campaigas."

Chattanooga, Tenn., March 20 .- Hon. W. J. Bryan to-day gave out the following correspondence, having been notified that

"Dear Sir: I received a few days ago

the following telegram:
"New York, March 2.
"Hon. W. J. Bryan, Lincoln, Nebr.. "Hon. W. J. Bryan, Lincoln, Nebr..
"In arranging the toasts and responses at the ban-quet of the Democratic Club of Jefferson's Birthday, April 13, the committee are most desirous, if your engagements will permit your attendance, to have ou select such subject as you prefer to discuss in

your own way within the limit so far all speeches of twenty minutes. Please wire reply.

"PERRY BELMONT, President.
"RICHARD CROKER, Chairman." "Upon my return to Nebraska I sent you

the following inquiry: Hon. Perry Belmont, Democratic Club, New York: tation, whether you have since the election, publicly

"I have just received your reply: en considered in issuing the invitations to cele

brate the birthday of Thomas Jefferson "BERRY BELMONT." Had a Previous Engagement. "I might plead a previous engagement as a reason for declining, but that would be equivalent to saying that I would come but for the engagement; but frank-I appreciate the compliment which the individual opinions can be ignored at a political gathering. You are the Prest

propriety join in a political banquet given in honor of Democracy's patron saint. "Jefferson stood for certain well defined they reach Old Point Comfort.

It may not be possible to transfer Mr. reflection of his ideas. I fear that my

> nce at the Jeffersonian banquet would honor the memory of the world's greatest Will Not Affiliate with Gold Bucs. "Do not misunderstand me. You may be right and I may be wrong, but I take it for granted that we are equally conscientious and I trust that I may not show myself less courageous than you. You proclaimed to your fellow-citizens in 1896

conditions, then your conspicuous pres-

rather than aid the Democratic Party "I believe in harmonizing personal differences, but differences in principle canno party advantage is to be derived from political communion between Jeffersonian Democrats who stand upon the Chicago latform and the Republican allies wh masquerade as Democrats between camaigns in order to give more potency to

form would endanger the nation's welfare:

election day. Yours truly, "W. J. BRYAN." Mr Bryan said to-night that he would attend the dollar banquet in New York f it is postponed until April 15, provided make it distinctly a Chicago platform inquet in honor of Jefferson; otherwise he management would postpone the banfair would be made a distinctive Chicago

## BELMONT REPLIES TO BRYAN.

Defies Latter to Point Out His Un? democratic Utterances.

New York, March 20.-Perry Belmont o-night gave out the following letter in reply to one received during the day from Col. William J. Bryan:

"Dear Sir: I have just received your letter of the 16th instant, in which you de-scribe those who declared in 1895 that your lection to the Presidency on the Chicago platform 'would endanger the naon's welfare' as 'the Republican ailles who masquerade as Democrats between campaigns in order to give more potency to their betrayal of Democratic principles

on election day."

Mr. Belmont then goes on to say that before answering "the unwarranted let-ter" he had instituted a suit against a New York newspaper on account of an zed as "a higher-priced man that the floater who sells his vote for \$2 on elec-

"Your purpose to be equally defamatory is obvious. Your skill in the use of words forbids the plea that in your letter you nisused them through ignorance. The dehave interwoven in your abuse reference to my opinions upon public questions as opposed to your own, to the Democratic club of which I am President, and to its proposed celebration of Jefferson's birth lay, I should have left your offensive

Never Vo ed for a Republica "The Democratic Club of New York has a membership of nearly three thousand Democrats, who all hold to the main prinns may vary in regard to such political nerely local or transitory, like many of the vain conceits you have yourself exsand members is a Republican. As for

andidate for either a great or small "The Board of Governors and the President of so large a Democratic organ tion endeavored to represent officially rish of the majority, which was that the coming anniversary of the birthday of Jefferson should be celebrated this year by the organization as in previous years. To recall those principles and tra-ditions with which his name is so in-

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